— Facilitating institutional finance for setting up commercial production units of innovative and cost effective new materials and encouraging entrepreneurs to set up units of such materials.

— Promotion of cost-effective technologies in the housing scheme implemented by State Housing Development Authorities, Private institutions, NGO's etc. and being funded by the Central and State Governments.

National Slum Policy

2373. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any National Slum Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the details of the mega cities/metros expected to be made slum free and by when, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The National Slum Policy is under consideration.

(c) The Planning Commission has not prepared any plan to make major cities slum free.

Rehabilitation of J.J. clusters in Delhi

2374. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since finalised the plans for rehabilitation of J.J. clusters in Delhi on the Mumbai pattern by allotting them free flats;

(b) if so, by the recent survey how many residents of these clusters

in Delhi are likely to be benefited;

(c) whether Government have kept in view that in Delhi, it is Government land which has been illegally occupied by them earlier; and

(d) if so, how cost of the land and flat would be realised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Pending housing project of Andhra Pradesh

2375. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a project report for sanctioning 16,812 houses, which is pending before Government for sanction; and

(b) if so, the action contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, as reported by HUDCO, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted various proposals for construction of 16812 dwelling units to HUDCO; out of which, the proposals for 11061 houses could not be considered since those were not in accordance with the prescribed guidlines. The balance proposal for construction of 5751 dwelling units, complete in all respects, has been forwarded by HUDCO to the Government for approval.

Towns under IDSMT Scheme

2376. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the towns that have been brought under the Scheme for Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns during 2001-02 and 2002-03, State-wise;